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of the Empire of  
Chivalry and Steel  
meets weekly in  
Norwood Park.

BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNKI  
FOR REDEYE

# Earth to Chicago: What are YOU doing?

## Environmental education

In celebration of Earth month, Greenheart Shop (746 N. LaSalle Dr.; 312-264-1625, [greenheartshop.org](http://greenheartshop.org)) holds Living La Vida Verde: Living the Green Life for the Chicago Urbanite. The daylong workshop series, held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., includes a fair trade and organic coffee and tea tasting and an organic cooking lesson. Following the workshops, the event continues with music, performances, video art, and drinks at Avila (203 W. Superior St.; 312-787-8720) from 6 to 9 p.m. For a list of featured workshops, their descriptions, and times, visit [greenheartshop.org](http://greenheartshop.org).

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## Being green, saving cash

Bring a recyclable glass bottle or jar to Grasshopper 510 (1944 N. Damen Ave.; 773-292-0510, [grasshopper510.com](http://grasshopper510.com)) through Sunday and earn 15 percent off all glass items in the boutique.

## Want more?

RedEye's environmental blogger, Supriya Doshi, has tips and tricks to keep Mama Earth happy at [redeyechicago.com/practicallygreen](http://redeyechicago.com/practicallygreen).



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## TODAY'S FORECAST

Warm but WINDY!



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Stormy day



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Ugh, more storms



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## "Cover Your Bases" pub crawl

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## "Dangerous Curves Ahead"

BRIDGEPORT

Attend the spring fashion show and women's expo featuring styles for all sizes. Includes parking and gift bags for the first 500 guests. 7 p.m. RSVP required: [a-linestyleservices.com](http://a-linestyleservices.com).

Zhou B. Art Center, 1029 W. 35th St. 773-523-0200. \$20

## Dark Lord field trip

RIVER NORTH

Take a bus ride to Three Floyds Brewing Co. in Munster, Ind., for the release of Dark Lord Imperial Russian Stout. 10 a.m. Drinks Over Dearborn, 650 N. Dearborn St. 2nd Floor. Ring buzzer to enter. 312-337-9463. \$30

## Global activism expo

NORTH PARK

Learn about more than 100 Chicago-area global activist groups and how you can get involved with them. Noon. Northeastern Illinois University Physical Education Complex, 3600 W. Foster Ave. 312-948-4600.

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## 2009 March for Babies

GRANT PARK

The March of Dimes benefit features walks in Grant Park and several suburban locations. 9 a.m. Registration: [marchforbabies.org](http://marchforbabies.org). Grant Park, 300 S. Columbus Drive 312-435-4007. \$25 donation

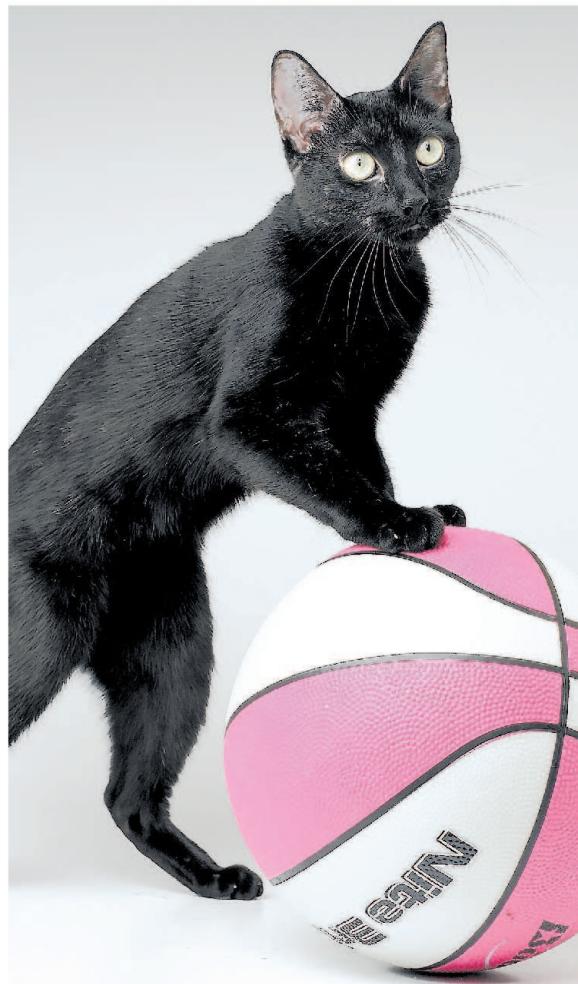
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HUMBOLDT PARK

Learn how to color fondant and cover a premade cake, then practice more advanced designs. 11 a.m. TipsyCake, 1043 N. California Ave. 312-546-4788. \$75



# Furry frenzy



## HIDDEN AGENDA

### Acro-Cats:

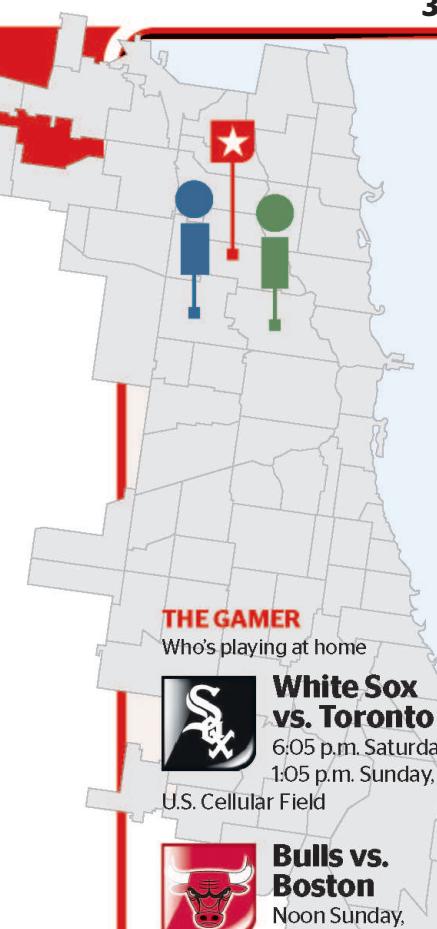
### The Circus Cats of Chicago

The Gorilla Tango Theatre, 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-598-4549, [circuscats.com](http://circuscats.com)

**Check it out if you ...** have exhausted the thousands of YouTube videos featuring cats (again), are looking for something different to do on a weekend afternoon, need an excuse to act like a kid again.

**The details:** Check out the 10 cats (and two understudies) that skateboard, roll barrels and act as adorable as felinely possible as part of the comedy cat circus that has been performing at the Gorilla Tango Theatre for the past six months. A trio within the group, the Rock Cats, closes the show by jamming on the guitar, drums and piano. The music is mediocre by human standards, trainer Samantha Martin says, but fantastic given that the group lacks thumbs. Cat lovers of all ages usually pack the show, but there often are people from the I-have-to-see-it-to-believe-it crowd. Also, the cats stay after the show to meet and greet. The cats perform four shows this weekend (Saturday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.). Tickets are \$12.

**The payoff:** Unless you have allergies, this event shouldn't be cat-astrophic. It might even be the purr-fect way to have your friends understand any feline obsessions you might be harboring.



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### "Button" and "Doubt"

HYDE PARK

See "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" on Saturday (7 p.m., 10:15 p.m.) and "Doubt" on Sunday (1 p.m.) at the University of Chicago's Doc Films screening, Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59th St. 773-702-8575. \$5

## REDEYE/MMX PICK Sketchbook Festival

WEST TOWN

The fest features seven world-premiere plays and seven "devised" works created from submitted concepts, each less than seven minutes apiece, plus live music and visual art. BYOB. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday. Through May 10. \$15-\$25; \$40 for unlimited-admission pass. The Building Stage, 412 N. Carpenter St. 312-226-9633.

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(at Barrington Rd. next to Walgreens) .. 630-372-5378

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# deja view

# Say what?

Rounding up the week's notable quotes

It's not about being politically correct. ... For me, it's about being biblically correct."

Miss California title-holder Carrie Prejean, defending her comments against gay marriage in the Miss USA contest on the "Today" show

**"The last few days might well be evidence of why something like this would likely just become a political back-and-forth."**

Presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs, telling reporters the White House does not support an independent panel to investigate terrorist interrogations under the Bush administration

**"The popular theory is it snuck in through the knothole [in the right field wall], then snuck into the bleachers and somehow made its way onto the field."**

Cubs spokesman Peter Chase, telling the Tribune how the cat that ran across the Wrigley Field outfield on Tuesday might have gotten in



« Alinea head chef Grant Achatz

## GOOD WEEK/BAD WEEK

### It was a good week to be ... Alinea

The Chicago hot spot was named the 10th-best restaurant in the world this week by Restaurant Magazine. The restaurant moved into the Top 10 on the list after debuting at No. 36 in 2007 and rising to No. 21 last year.

### It was a bad week to be ... Charlie Trotter's

Another Chicago institution, Trotter's did not make the Top 50 this year. The restaurant had been included on every 50-best list since the rankings began in 2002. It ranked 38th last year.

## Heat index

RedEye takes the temperature of current events



### Sun!

You better read this outside.



### Derrick Rose

Our kind of rookie.



### Fest lineups

It's Lolla. Or Pitchfork. Or both.



### New McBurger

Is Angus the new Arch Deluxe?



### Busted buses

Give us a break!



### Susan Boyle

Yep, still talking about her.

## The Real Wives of Chicago

**Members:** 19

**Meet-ups:** About once a month

**Cost:** Free

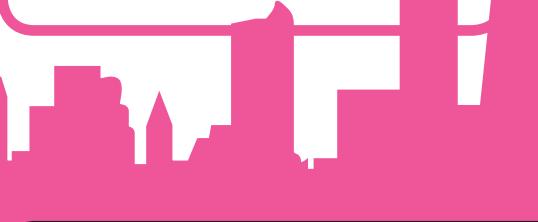
**Perfect if:** Your name includes Mrs.

There's no script for the get-togethers, but founder Nichelle Nemo's plan for events include a spa day, a window shopping trip, chick flick nights and ladies' game nights. Nemo's group targets wives between the ages of 25 and 35, but occasionally the real husbands of Chicago will be allowed to attend events such as couples bowling and family barbecues.

Nemo said she prefers to keep outings intimate, and she expects six to seven females for the meet-ups.

"My agenda is to get to know the women," Nemo said.

Eventually, though, her agenda includes taking a group photo to post on the group's [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) page. The photo of "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" cast is currently acting as a placeholder. Nemo hopes that doesn't attract any drama queens.



## Kinky Arts

**Members:** 105      **Meet-ups:** Most Mondays

**Cost:** \$20 fee to pay the models

**Perfect if:** You're into bonding through bondage

Take a walk on the wild side with Mistress Zaynab, a 36-year-old West Loop resident who formed the Kinky Arts club in November 2008. Once a week, the group meets to sketch models posing in bondage positions. "We've had animal play, which is people pretending to be animals, and spank-o-rama, spanking poses," said Zaynab, a dominatrix (pro domme) who runs a private studio devoted to BDSM (bondage and discipline, dominance and submission, sadism and masochism). "It's a typical figure drawing session with a little more spicier poses."

The sketch events typically draw five participants, said Zaynab, who doesn't release the location of the event to new members until the day before so people don't "randomly show up."

Occasionally the club hosts how-to workshops such as the "How to Become a Pro Domme" event set to be held Saturday at 3 p.m.

For non-artists, a kinky camera club is scheduled to begin in May. Photographers and hobbyists will be able to photograph the fetish models, Zaynab said.

Mistress Andrea (right) participates in a Kinky Arts event in Chicago.



# a league of their own

**Looking for spring fun? Traditional rec sports teams aren't the only option for meeting up**

**By Tracy Swartz**  
REDEYE

Don't let the name fool you.

"The Real Wives of Chicago" won't feature the cussing, sniping, catfighting and hair-pulling that characterize its reality series namesake, "The Real Housewives" of Atlanta, New York City, Orange County and soon-to-be New Jersey.

"The name is similar, but it's not going to be about that drama," said Nichelle Nemo, who founded the group last month. "The group is for married women who are looking for friendships with other married women."

When Nemo, 29, moved to Lansing nearly two years ago, she tried to make friends by joining a social group devoted to black women, a female volunteer organization and

the Boys and Girls Club.

Nemo, of Alsip, said she met a lot of women, but most of them were single. Since she connects better with other married women, she created the Real Wives. The group held its first meet-up last Saturday at Giordano's in the Loop.

Nemo isn't alone. Some Chicagoans have skipped the traditional recreational groups and leagues that make Chicago a summer playground in favor of starting their own niche social organizations. There are more than 980 groups within 10 miles of Chicago registered on [meetup.com](http://meetup.com).

RedEye found five of Chicago's more interesting groups. We've done the work so now you can play.

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## Chicago Board Games

**Members:** 960    **Meet-ups:** Throughout the week  
**Cost:** Free    **Perfect If:** You like using your Cranium

Nate Scheidler of Streeterville has got game—actually, he's got several hundred board games. Scheidler, 36, runs the Chicago Board Game group, which he says is the largest organized group of its kind in Chicago.

Games are played all around the city in bars, cafes, restaurants and libraries. In play are the typical board games (Scrabble and Axis and Allies) and some obscure ones (Puerto Rico, in which players create their own version of the country and its settlers, and Descent, a dungeon crawl game).

"It's rare that I even get a chance to play the same game twice," Scheidler said.

Scheidler didn't start the group, but he was one of its earliest members five years ago. He said he took over the group last year after he went to a meet-up that drew 45 members. These days, Scheidler said his group gets about 50 new members a month. His goal for 2009? 2009 members.

Said Scheidler: "If you're trying to meet new people, you don't have the awkwardness of trying to figure out how to start the conversation. You start the game and the conversation naturally follows."



## Chicago Jedi Group

**Members:** 30    **Meet-ups:** About once a month  
**Cost:** Free    **Perfect If:** The Force is with you

The Jedi have returned, this time, in the form of Chicago residents aged 8 to 50. The Chicago Jedi Group seeks to embody some of the characteristics of the Holy Order of the Jedi Knights, a peacekeeping organization in the "Star Wars" series, said group creator Gabriel Calderon of Forest Park.

Calderon, 29, said the Jedi "try to improve the world as best they can" through chivalry, service, integrity, honor, justice and charity. At the meet-ups, members practice meditation and learn martial arts and self-defense moves in case the Jedi need to assist citizens caught in sticky situations. The Jedi also occasionally meet in the forest preserves for archery practice, and sometimes they dress in "Star Wars" garb and fight with lightsabers.

"That's kind of what draws people in at first—the flashiness of it," Calderon said. "But there's a lot more about trying to lead a really good existence."



Heather Whitlock (left) and Leila Griffin discuss details of a period-inspired cup during a meeting of Empire of Chivalry and Steel. **BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI FOR REDEYE**

## The Empire of Chivalry and Steel

**Members:** 24    **Meet-ups:** Most Sundays  
**Cost:** Free, but organizers request a \$30 yearly donation  
**Perfect If:** The Treaty of Verdun is a must-read for you

Most days, Mina Turner plays the part of a 26-year-old Lakeview resident, but on Sundays she transforms into Mina LaVigne, a French commoner living in a vineyard in 14th Century France.

Turner runs the Chicago chapter of The Empire of Chivalry and Steel, a Medieval recreation group that she formed after moving to Chicago about four years ago. Turner met her husband in the Arizona chapter of the group.

The organization, which meets at the Good Shepherd Christian Assembly in Norwood Park, studies Medieval times while employing personas from the era. Members create art and occasionally participate in sword fights. "We really focus on the academic aspects. We're not just out there dressing up and hitting each other with sticks," Turner said.



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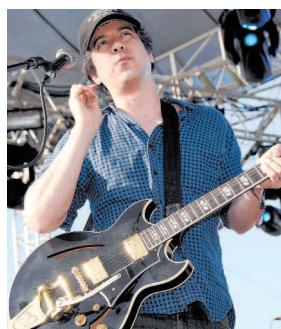
### Half or full marathon

*Hood: Foster/Montrose Beach*

Every year you tell yourself that this is the summer you'll run a marathon. And every year, well, something comes up. Good news: This is the year! Join one of two National AIDS Marathon Training Programs, and trainers will prepare you to run either the Aug. 2 Chicago Half Marathon in Jackson Park or the Oct. 11 Chicago Marathon in Grant Park. Training starts Saturday: Marathon runners meet at **Foster Beach** (5200 N. Lake Shore Drive); half-marathon runners meet at **Montrose Beach** (4400 N. Lake Shore Drive).

**When:** 7 a.m. (marathon training) or 8 a.m. (half-marathon training) Saturday

**Cash:** \$95, which includes race registration to the Oct. 3 AIDS Run and Walk Chicago



## HEAR IT

### M. Ward

*Hood: Lakeview*

If you already have tickets to M. Ward's show at **the Vic Theatre** (3145 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-472-0449), we don't need to tell you

that this Oregonian singer-songwriter's experience exceeds his half of indie-pop duo She & Him. (If you don't have tickets, dig deep; they're getting harder to find by the minute.) This weekend, M. Ward goes it alone to perform songs from his latest solo album, "Hold Time." We can't wait.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday **Cash:** \$22

**the it list** **By Lisa Balde**

# What's hot this weekend

## FLAUNT IT

### Your secret Packers affiliation

*Hood: Lakeview*

Yes, football season is still months away, but Packer fever lives on year-round at Wisconsin-lovin' bar **Will's Northwoods Inn** (3030 N. Racine Ave. 773-528-4400). Case in point: Will's second annual spring Packer party, Packerpalooza 2009 (they called it Favre Fest last year, but whatevs). This year's celebration includes appearances by Packers vets Frank Winters, Gilbert Brown and William Henderson, plus oodles of Green Bay giveaways and raffle prizes. Decidedly not a fan? You might want to pretend for a day: Party perks include free burgers, brats, hot dogs and sausage trays, plus a performance by Burlington, Wis.-based cover rockers The Greg Brady Experience. Don't worry, Bears fans: We won't tell.

**When:** 2 p.m. Sunday **Cash:** No cover

## SEE IT

### Women of Horror Film Festival

*Hood: Portage Park*

"Ladies night" takes on new meaning during the return of Chicago Horror Society's seven-hour film festival, this one dedicated to the genre's bloodcurdling female directors, actors and producers. But don't expect a stereotypical barrage of helpless dames running into dark alleys. These women are at the base of the knife, haunting bathrooms ("Wretched"), luring off-roaders into haunted schools ("Women's Studies") and awaiting unsuspecting victims in deep waters ("Wicked Lake"). Head to **Portage**

**Theater** (4050 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-736-4050) to watch nine scary features and shorts. Stick around for Q-and-As with some of the films' cast and crew, including "Women's Studies" director Lonnie Martin, plus raffles and giveaways. Contact: [horrorsociety.com/chicago](http://horrorsociety.com/chicago)  
**When:** 5 p.m. Saturday to midnight Sunday  
**Cash:** \$15 at the door



## ROCK IT

### PANIC! anniversary

*Hood: East Village / Ukrainian Village*

Kick it old-school during the celebration of this monthly dance party's three-year residency at **darkroom** (2210 W. Chicago Ave. 773-276-1411), and you could win some new-school prizes such as tickets to see The Kills on May 9 at Metro. Dark Wave Disco DJs, who were included on Lollapalooza's official lineup, and show host Pogo provide the bash's signature indie-Brit pop-alternative sound. What better way to take out a little pent up winter angst than to groove to the cross-generational sounds of New Order alongside Lily Allen?

**When:** 9 p.m. Saturday -3 a.m. Sunday  
**Cash:** \$8; no cover before 11 p.m.

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# the juice

# Mex appeal

By M. Kathleen Pratt

**The scene:** De Cero, the almost 5-year-old Randolph Street spot from restaurateur duo Angela Lee and Susan Traina Thompson, always has billed itself as a "modern-day taqueria." What does that mean, exactly? Premium tequilas, avocado crema where other spots might settle for sour cream and, as of last week, a foray into the meal traditional taquerias rarely go: brunch.

By offering Sunday brunch, De Cero's also a rarity among its Randolph Street neighbors, most of which do enough Friday- and Saturday-night business that just thinking about French toast before 10 a.m. probably seems taxing.

But De Cero seems up to the task. The rustic, cantina-like dining room doesn't suffer in the light of day; in fact, it's considerably less noisy without the din of evening bar business and Latin beats bouncing off the ceiling. Chef Jennifer Brooks-Stadler's kitchen, which offers its usual gourmet tacos and appetizers alongside the new brunch menu, ably adapts too. Though they were working out some opening-weekend timing and service kinks during our visit, most everybody seemed perfectly happy to sit back and sip fun brunch cocktails like pineapple-coconut water *aguapina*

mimosas (\$9) and fiery cilantro-rimmed bloody marias (\$10) while they waited.

**The cuisine:** Mexican breakfast favorites, such as huevos rancheros and chilaquiles, make up about half the menu, but this isn't all predictable fare. De Cero is, after all, a place that tops nachos with duck and fills tacos with sauteed salmon and ahi tuna. Salsas are house-made, breakfast potatoes get a dash of cumin and even prosaic pinto beans benefit from a touch of bacon.

One outside-the-box option is the horchata French toast (\$9.50), two smallish slices soaked in house-made Mexican rice milk, slathered with brown sugar-cinnamon-walnut butter and served with blackberry compote. Another option: black bean cakes (\$10.25) topped with chipotle crema, scrambled eggs and pico de gallo.

De Cero doesn't overlook the details, and you shouldn't either. Order a side of cornbread (\$3), and you get two crumbly wedges flecked with whole kernels and bits of jalapeno, or go for an order of melt-in-your mouth *banuelos* (\$4), impossibly thin, silver-dollar sized fried pastries served with the same tangy and sweet homemade compote that completes the French toast. **M. KATHLEEN PRATT IS THE METROMIX DINING PRODUCER. KPRATT@TRIBUNE.COM**

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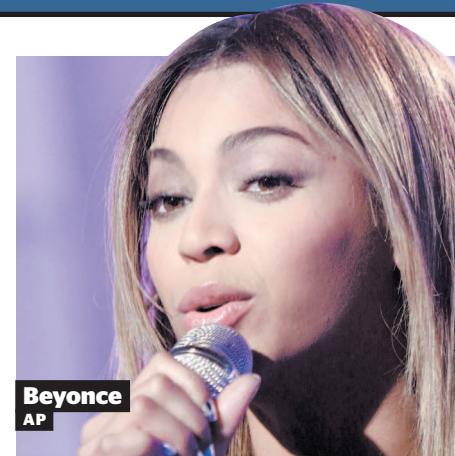
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# ‘Daisy’ in the rough

There's something about a train wreck that just keeps people gawking.

That's obviously the thinking behind this "Rock of Love" spin-off, which puts Bret Michaels dumpee Daisy De La Hoya in the driver's seat and looking for love.

Daisy's more than happy to throw herself, fake boobs first, into a cesspool of 20 dumber-than-she-is guys who claim to be on TV only for her. Right.

Eventually, Daisy will demand they prove their love by making them do a series of degrading challenges, but only if they make it through the first night of drunken debauchery.

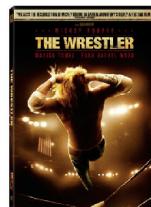
Some guys can handle their booze better than others, as we see in Sunday's premiere, when "London" tosses his cookies, then passes out in a bathroom at the mansion, and "Weasel" falls asleep in his bed only to have the other guys write all over his face. Fun!

## LOVE IT

### DVD

#### The Wrestler

Headstrong director Darren Aronofsky delivers one of the finest films of the year, featuring one of the rawest performances. Playing a man whose job description requires a physical fortitude that has waned, but who's possessed of the will to go on, Golden Globe-winner Mickey Rourke rattles and touches core sympathies as pro wrestler Randy "The Ram" Robinson. "The Wrestler's" tough-tender drama (written by Robert Siegel) makes for visceral art. Like its protagonist, it aims to endure.



LISA KENNEDY, THE DENVER POST

## LIKE IT

### ALBUM

#### Crack the Skye

Mastodon

After a minute of listening to Mastodon, you realize the Atlanta band couldn't be called anything else. The proggers are very much the big, bludgeoning sound of a prehistoric leviathan crushing your head. Or, considering the quartet's conceptual themes of tsarist Russia and wormholes (!), they are the equivalent of 100 library shelves toppling around you. Bruce Springsteen producer Brendan O'Brien oversees.



SEAN DALY, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES



Daisy De La Hoya is looking for love. VH1

And here's a classic line from "Fox" (Daisy has given the guys the nicknames I use here): "You're Daisy. You're the epitome—you're the name Daisy. When I think of the name Daisy, you are Daisy. Your name is who you are."

Believe it or not, Daisy actually digs this guy, making out with him after that expression of his deep affection. And

believe it or not, those are about the most complete sentences we get from any of these guys in the first 30 minutes—including Villa Park native "Sinister" and Ingleside's "Flex."

At the end of the episode, dizzy Daisy is beside herself having to choose five guys to send home. I don't think I could pick five guys worth keeping.

But honestly, it wouldn't be nearly as interesting if these guys—and this gal—weren't such fools. When's that train coming? CURT WAGNER, REDEYE



## Super slow-mo HD video

<http://tr.im/jqLC>

If for nothing else, this clip is cool because of the chill jams that accompany its stunning visuals—basically a bunch of super slow-motion clips in high definition. The clips feature things such as fire (awesome), cheerleaders (also awesome) and Jell-O falling from above (again, this looks awesome in high definition when it's slowed down to "Matrix" action sequence-like speeds). If you have 2 minutes and 52 seconds, it's definitely worth your time. JIM WALSH, REDEYE

## LOATHE IT

### SONG

#### We Made You

Eminem

Eminem's new single tries hard to follow the formula of his heyday. Does it anger Republicans? Yes, with lewd comments about Sarah Palin. Does it anger liberals? Yes, with cracks about lesbian couples, including, well, ex-couple Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson. Does it have taunts you would hear from a middle-school bully? Um, duh. But there's something new too—that sad feeling you get when you watch a former great who's just not up to speed anymore. GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY



### GAME

#### Wheelman

Xbox 360, PlayStation 3

Given its plot—you're a getaway-car driver, but you're really an undercover agent—"Wheelman" could be called "Driver 2009." However, it does offer some pleasures to fans of action movies, including slow-motion stunts and a performance by Vin Diesel. The on-foot action is terrible, so it's fortunate that there's not much of it. When the motor's running, though, this is as close as you'll get to an interactive version of "Fast & Furious." LOU KESTEN, AP

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What you need to know about molasses

## Tribune

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Here's what you need to know about it.



## Where to buy it

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(PG-13)

Compelling and true: A few years ago, L.A. Times reporter Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr.) focused multiple columns on Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), a homeless ex-Juilliard student with undiagnosed schizophrenia, and helped spur the allocation of funds toward assisting the homeless and people with mental illness in L.A.'s Skid Row area. A less compelling, fictional subplot: Steve's boss is his ex-wife (Catherine Keener), with whom he shares a distinct love-hate relationship.

**The buzz:** Kudos to the casting director, since Downey Jr. and Keener are rock solid, and Foxx has Oscar-winning experience ("Ray"). Less confidence-inspiring: "Atonement" director Joe Wright—who has no background with stories in this century or outside Europe—and writer

Susannah Grant, whose work on junk like "Catch and Release" doesn't suggest she can handle a tale about mental illness, homelessness, journalism and social action.

**The verdict:** Why is "The Soloist" so centered on Steve's ambivalence about being the only person looking after Nathaniel, rather than about Nathaniel's alienation and the social function of Steve's stories? The film suggests that all homeless people have mental illness and vice versa, presenting them not as a valued, overlooked part of the community but people who are different and difficult to understand. Foxx is good enough and Downey Jr. anchors moments of hard-hitting observation, but Wright struggles to visualize the elevating spirit of music and the crushing weight of hearing voices.



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- **Crank: High** (R) 11:55,12:30,3:00,5:40,8:00,10:20
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- **Monsters vs.** (PG) 11:00,1:15,3:35,5:50,8:10,10:25
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## Coraline (PG) 4:05,8:20

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## Tokyo Sonata (PG-13) 12:20,5:00,9:40

## North by NW (NR) 1:00 P.M.

## Rocky Horror (R) 12:00 Midnight

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## The Soloist (PG-13) 10:45,11:45,1:45,2:45,4:45,5:45,7:45

## AMC Select The Informers (R) 10:15,12:20,3:50,6:10,8:50,11:40

## Earth (G) 10:00,12:30,3:00,5:30,8:30,11:00

## State of Play (PG-13) 10:05,11:00,1:00,2:00,4:10,5:10,7:15,9:15

## 17 Again (PG-13) 10:10,11:10,12:10,4:10,3:20,4:15,6:20,7:15,9:15,10:15

## Crank: High (R) 10:50,1:15,3:30,6:05,8:40,11:15

## American Violet (PG-13) 10:35,13:45,3:45,7:35,10:20

## Hannah Montana (G) 11:05,1:50,4:25,7:05,9:45

## Observe-Rep (R) 10:30,1:05,3:20,5:50,8:10,10:25

## AMC Select Sunshine Clean (R) 10:25,12:55,3:40,6:15,8:55,11:35

## Fast &amp; Furious (PG-13) 11:30,2:20,3:45,5:40,7:30,10:15

## AMC Select Adventureland (R) 11:40,2:30,5:15,8:05,10:40

## Monsters (PG) ★ 10:00,12:30,3:00,5:30,8:15,10:35

## I Love You, Man (R) 11:45,2:25,5:00,7:50,10:30

## Knowing (PG-13) 11:15,2:10,5:05,7:55,10:50

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## Fighting (PG-13) ★ 11:50,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:20,12:50

## The Informers (R) ★ 12:00,2:40,5:20,7:45,10:10,12:55

## Earth (G) ★ 11:45,2:00,4:15,6:30,8:45,11:30

## Crank: High (R) ★ 10:40,3:20,4:50,6:10,8:10,10:35,1:30

## State of Play (PG-13) ★ 12:10,1:20,2:50,3:40,5:30,6:15,7:20,9:20,10:15,12:20

## 17 Again (PG-13) ★ 12:15,1:20,2:50,3:40,5:30,6:20,8:00,9:15,10:30,11:45

## Hannah Montana (G) 1:30,4:40,7:15,9:45

## Observe-Rep (R) 4:30,9:55,12:15

## Fast &amp; Furious (PG-13) 1:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:45

## Adventureland (R) 1:50,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:40

## Monsters (PG) 11:00,1:20,3:30,5:6,10:30,9:00

## I Love You, Man (R) 10:45,1:50,4:20,7:20,10:10

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## Obsessed (PG-13) 10:50,12:50,1:40,3:40,4:40,6:20,7:20,9:00,10:00

## Fighting (PG-13) 10:30,11:50,1:20,3:30,4:10,5:00,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:20

## Hannah Montana (G) 11:30,2:00,4:30,7:10,9:40

## Observe-Rep (R) 11:40,2:10,5:20,7:45,9:45

## Adventureland (R) 11:20,2:20,4:20,5:10,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:20

## American Violet (PG-13) ★ 11:35,2:05,4:45,7:20,9:55

## Crank: High (R) ★ 12:05,2:25,4:55,7:50,10:30

## Hannah Montana (G) 11:50,1:20,4:50,7:30,9:30

## Fast &amp; Furious (PG-13) 10:15,1:20,4:10,6:45,9:20

## Haunting in CT (PG-13) 10:15,1:20,2:50,7:20,7:50,10:20

## Monsters (PG) 10:30,1:10,3:30,5:6,15:8:50

## Knowing (PG-13) 11:00,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:30

## CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

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## Fighting (PG-13) ★ 10:00,12:40,3:45,6:40,9:40

## Earth (G) ★ 11:30,2:20,5:00,7:40,9:45

## Crank: High (R) ★ 11:30,2:20,5:00,7:40,9:45

## State of Play (PG-13) ★ 10:10,1:20,2:40,4:45,7:40,9:40

## 17 Again (PG-13) ★ 10:30,11:50,1:20,3:30,4:10,5:00,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:20

## Hannah Montana (G) 1:30,4:40,7:15,9:45

## Observe-Rep (R) 4:30,9:55,12:15

## Fast &amp; Furious (PG-13) 1:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:45

## Adventureland (R) 1:50,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:40

## Monsters (PG) 11:00,1:20,3:30,5:6,10:30,9:00

## I Love You, Man (R) 10:45,1:50,4:20,7:20,10:10

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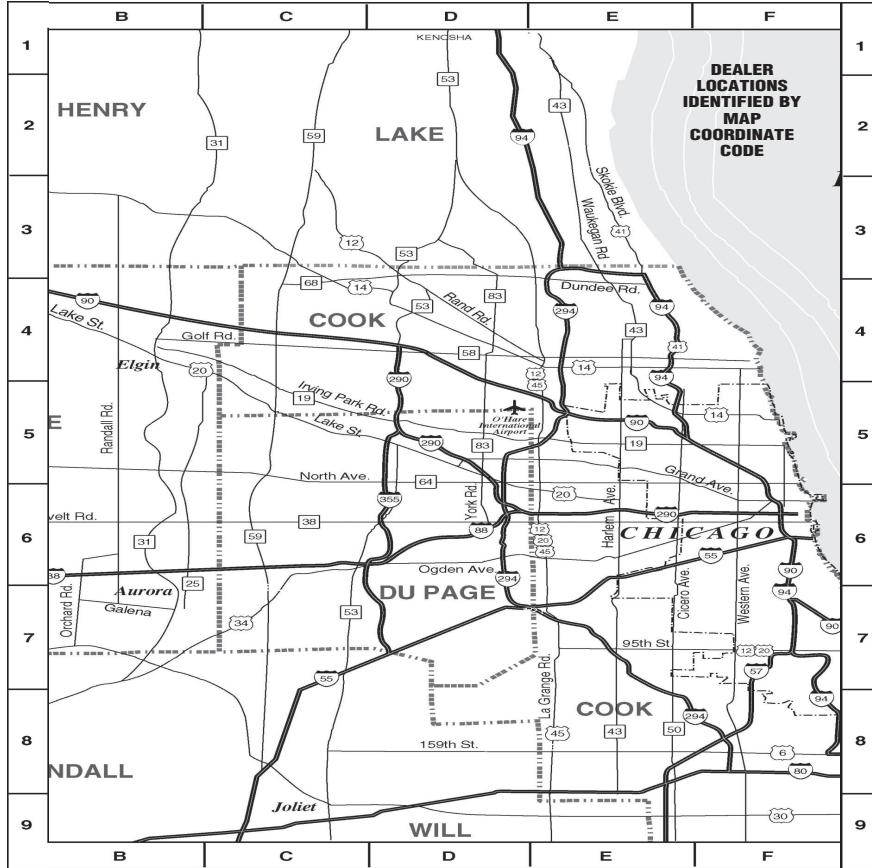
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# Police record Chicago's 100th murder

By Tracy Swartz

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Chicago police recorded the 100th murder of the year Thursday evening, according to a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data.

Adrian Thompson, 20, of Woodridge became homicide victim No. 100 after he was shot to death while driving a car in the 1400 block of North Mason Avenue.

It was the second time this month that a person has been shot and killed in the 1400 block of North Mason Avenue. A 41-year-old man was shot on April 2. He died days later.

Thompson's death was the 10th murder for Austin, which has logged more homicides this year than any other Chicago community area. Austin is the largest of Chicago's 77 community areas.

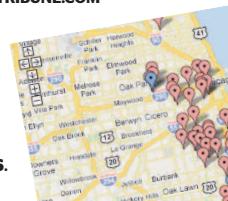
Thompson's death brought April's murder toll to 32 deaths as of press time Friday. Chicago police logged 47 deaths in April 2008, according to a police report released this week that analyzed the 511 murders that occurred in 2008.

Homicides are down overall this year.

From January to April 2008, police logged 133 homicides. [TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM)

## MORE ONLINE

For a look at all the murders in Chicago this year, go to [www.redeyechicago.com/homicides](http://www.redeyechicago.com/homicides).



# Study links fast food, happiness

Los Angeles Times

Researchers at National Taiwan University and the University of Arkansas parsed data from the National Health Interview Survey in Taiwan (where 1 in 4 children is overweight).

Their study, published in the Journal of Happiness Studies, found that kids who eat fast food and soft drinks are less likely to be unhappy than kids who don't. More likely to be overweight, but less likely to be unhappy.

The researchers state: "Current and future policy/program interventions that aim to decrease fast food and soft drinks consumption of children to reduce childhood obesity may be more effective if these interventions also focus on ways that could compensate the potential reduction in degree of happiness of children."



A cloud of steam and ash from Mt. Redoubt fills the sky April 5 in Alaska. The volcano, which hadn't erupted in 20 years, has become an Internet sensation—and even has an irreverent Facebook page with more than 1,500 friends. **GETTY IMAGES**

# A rising star

**Alaska volcano is all the rage these days on the Internet**

## MCT

**ANCHORAGE** The cameras watch her every move. Thousands of strangers want to be her friend, and thousands more follow her latest exploits hour by hour on their laptops and cell phones.

She's Mt. Redoubt, Internet star.

With her first eruption in 20 years, Redoubt volcano has reawakened just in time to ignite a new kind of media blitz—an explosion of immediate, online information that was hard to imagine just a year or two ago.

Within weeks, pages about Redoubt on Twitter and Facebook became some of the most popular in Alaska. Even those who dismiss such social networking sites as silly can follow near hourly updates and scour photos of the eruption on the

Alaska Volcano Observatory's own Web site, which saw traffic boom a hundredfold immediately after Redoubt roared to life in March.

And yes, Redoubt is a girl.

It says so on her irreverent, unauthorized Facebook page, where more than 1,500 people have befriended the volcano. They write messages encouraging her—"I need a little more ash in my garden"—and cursing her: "I hate you ... just stop."

Others swap photos they've taken of the eruption and plead with Redoubt to cool it as each new explosion threatens air travel across the state.

The Alaska Volcano Observatory has nothing to do with the slightly goofy Facebook page, which is written anonymously from the volcano's point of view

and lists Redoubt as a Scientologist who is "in an open relationship" and watches the Discovery Channel.

Instead, the AVO Web masters climbed on board the Twitter train. Using their personal computers or iPhones because the state forbids employees to log in to social networking sites, technicians launched the AVO Twitter page earlier this year as the volcano began flirting with another round of explosions.

On Friday, the Twitter feed had more than 7,000 followers—including many who signed up just to read the latest volcano updates.

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### MLB

#### CUBS AT ST. LOUIS

3:10 p.m. Saturday,  
Fox  
1:15 p.m. Sunday,  
WGN

#### WHITE SOX VS. TORONTO

6:05 p.m. Saturday,  
WGN  
1:05 p.m. Sunday,  
CSN

### NBA

#### BULLS VS. BOSTON

Noon Sunday, ABC

### NHL

#### BLACKHAWKS VS. CALGARY

8 p.m. Saturday, CSN



### By Ryan Smith FOR REDEYE

When the very ordinary 500 Bulls upset the defending champion Celtics in Game 1 of the NBA playoffs, it prompted some to dust off the old David vs. Goliath metaphor (the Bulls presumably being the overmatched giant slayer with the sweet slingshot). The whole literary reference thing got our nerdy minds thinking about other tales of yore to which the Bulls could be compared. Here are a few.

### The 12 labors of Hercules

In mythology, the mighty Hercules had to perform a dozen really difficult tasks, such as slaying the nine-headed Hydra and capturing the guardian dog of Hades unarmed. Part of the quest the Bulls must undertake to win the NBA championship: Wrest home-court advantage from their opponents, slay the Celtics of Boston using no Luol Deng, defeat the legendary LeBron James and obtain the championship trophy of NBC commissioner David Stern.

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### “Sleeping Beauty”

In the classic fairy tale, an evil sorceress places a curse on a princess, causing her to stay in an ageless sleep until she wakes from a kiss from her true love. This season, the veritable kiss of Bulls General Manager John Paxson caused newly acquired John Salmons—a relatively unknown role player with the Sacramento Kings—to blossom into a prince of a player currently averaging 14.3 points and 4 rebounds a game.

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### “The Taming of the Shrew”

In this pretty chauvinist Shakespearean comedy, the gentleman Petruccio courts Katherine, a fiery, headstrong woman who chafes against the relationship. Petruccio eventually “tames” her through psychological means.

### The taming of the Noah

For most of his short NBA career, the Bulls tried to tame the mercurial Joakim Noah, who had attitude problems, bad locker room chemistry and hadn't lived up to his college pedigree. But this season, Noah has matured into a solid player.

## five on one

They might not be champions, but our panelists sure know how to talk like they are. Sign up for weekday Five on Five at [redeyechicago.com/fiveonfive](http://redeyechicago.com/fiveonfive).



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What would have to happen to make sports this weekend better than last?

Jimmy actually wears pants this time. That image is burned into my mind.

The NCAA would have to announce a playoff system in football.

If the Bears won, I'm sure Jay Cutler scores plenty in the off-season.

More winning! Yay!! I think I'm sleep deprived ...

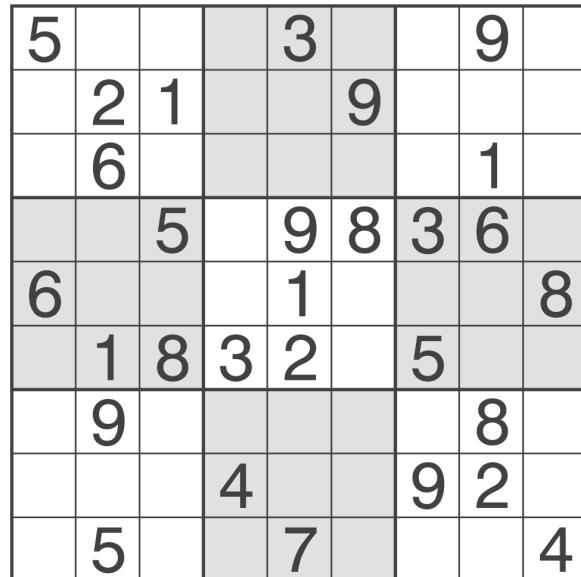
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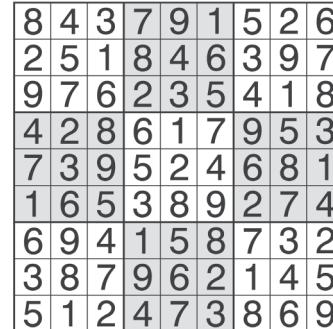
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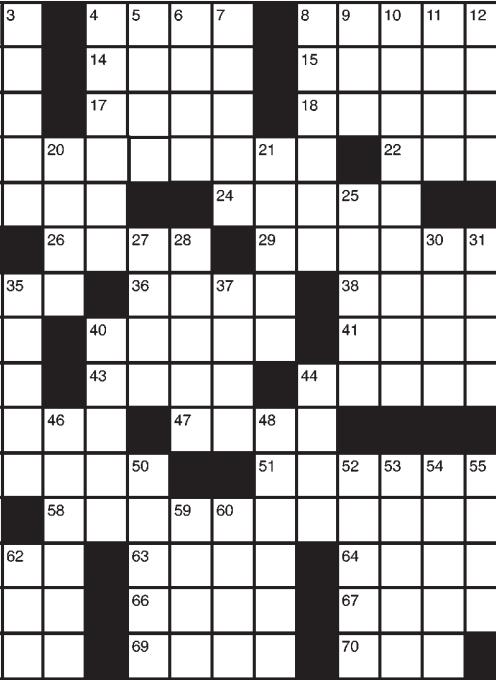
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- Canary's home
- Simple McPherson
- Look over
- Bed for the baby
- Put aside for later
- Living from ;  
earning barely enough
- Suppositions
- Pencil's end
- Not those
- Fruity drinks
- Fruit with navel
- Musical conclusions
- Bridge
- Screen image
- Racetrack, e.g.
- Lead singer of The Police
- Carson's successor
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- Skin mark
- Jack and jenny
- Cling
- Speak imperfectly
- Baker's output
- Read carefully
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- Spanish love
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- Whittle
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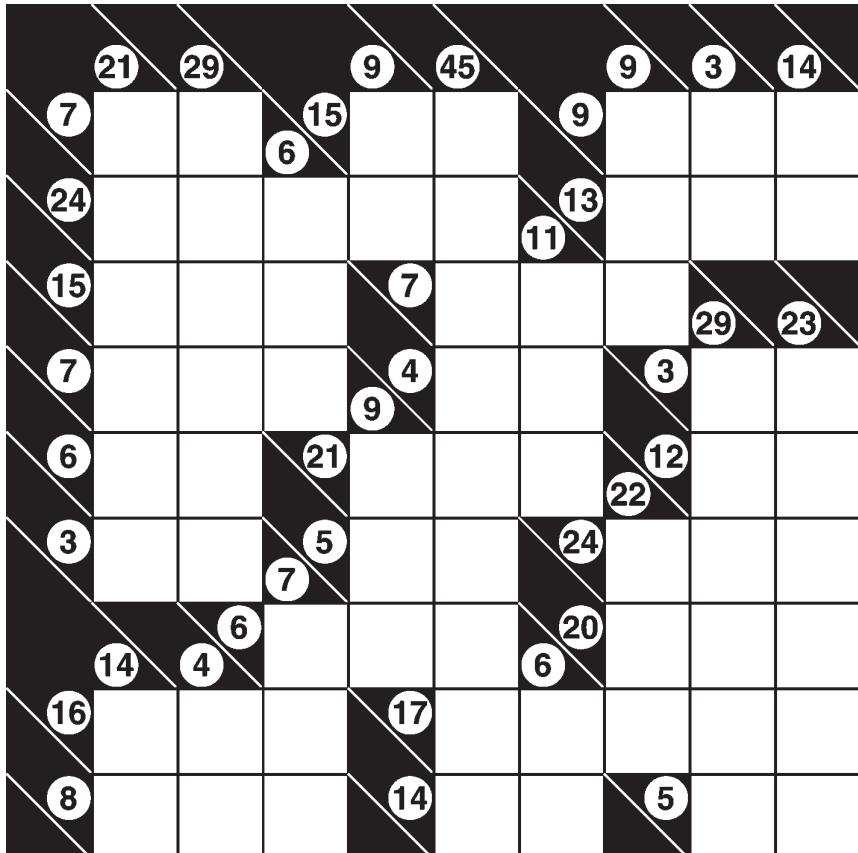


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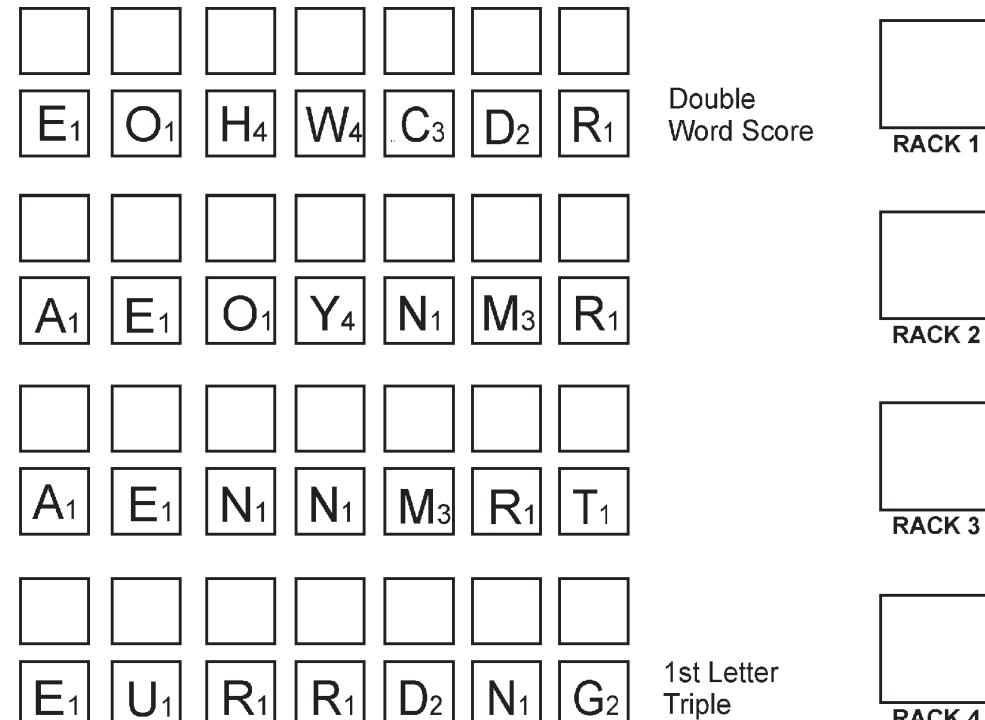
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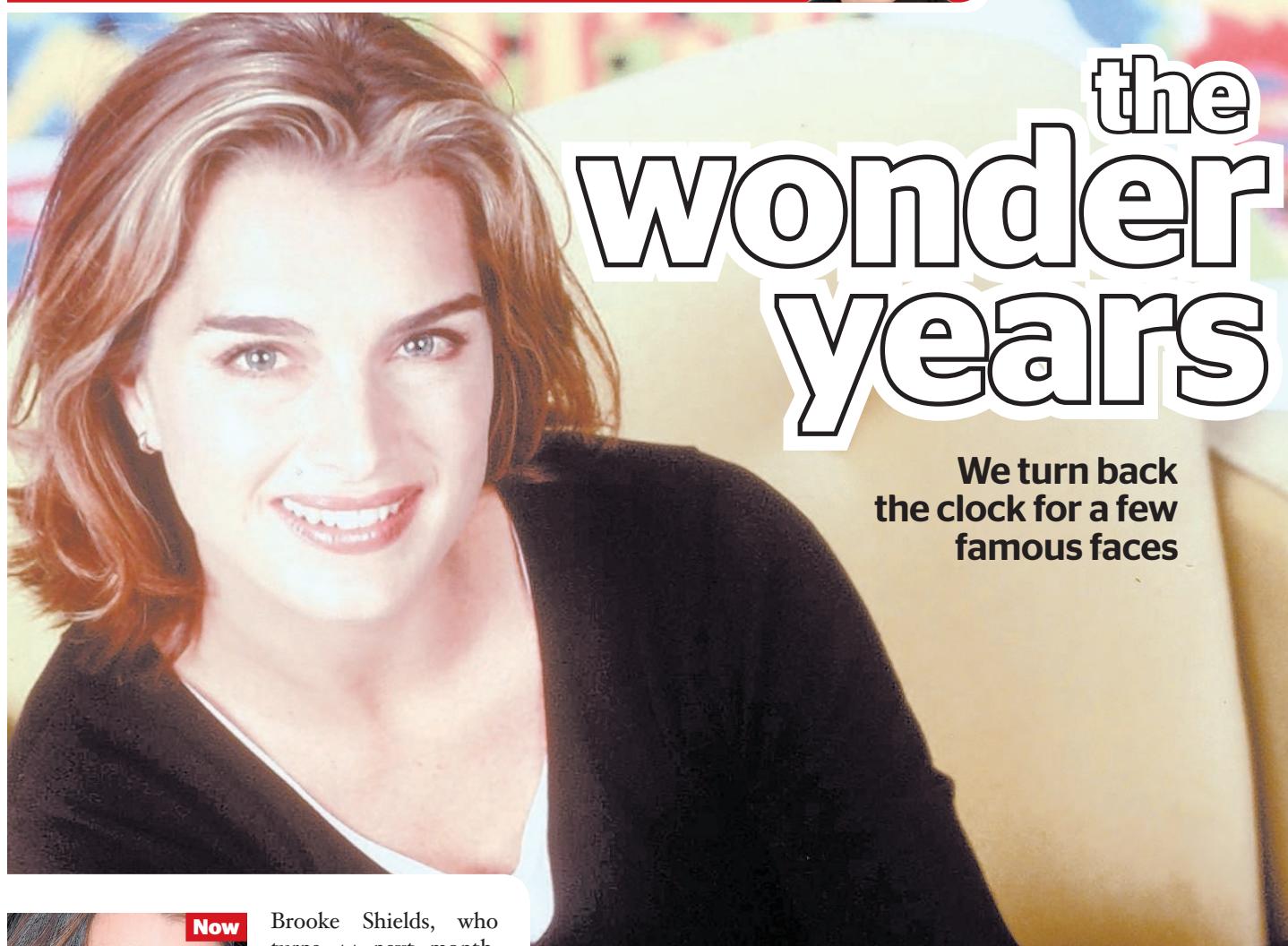
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We turn back  
the clock for a few  
famous faces



Brooke Shields, who turns 44 next month, isn't hesitant to talk about her age.

"For years, I've been the youngest person on the set, and it occurred to me recently that I wasn't 26!" she tells *More* magazine, according to excerpts at [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com).

The mag is targeted at women over 40. "I'd read a script and say, 'Oh, that's a great character, that's something I'd love to do.' And they'd say, 'Um, no, we're thinking of you for the mother.' And then I'd say, 'Oh, of course! Of course! I knew that!'"

As for her looks? Shields, who stared on NBC's "Lipstick Jungle" before it was canceled last year, says she wishes she could turn back the clock.

"I'm proud of my longevity more than anything else," she says. "There's a lot to be said for endurance. I'm trying to find the beauty in the whole picture rather than the crow's feet."

"Sure, I wish I had the face I had a decade ago, but I don't. People say, 'I love my wrinkles.' I don't love my wrinkles—come on!"

The whole interview got RedEye thinking: What DID Brooke Shields—and other celebs—look like 10 years ago? Take a peek!



Brooke Shields in 1999  
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'99

Ellen DeGeneres, 51



Will Smith, 40



'99

Jay-Z, 39



Justin Timberlake, 28



'99

Britney Spears, 27

# red hot

Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich wants to be part of "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here," even if it's just to promote the NBC reality series.

"What's really appealing about this opportunity is it's a chance to do something that's really fun and entertaining, compared to some of the other things I gotta deal with, which frankly suck," he told a news conference to introduce the cast of the show Friday in Pasadena, Calif. RedEye listened in.

A judge ruled last week that the indicted Blagojevich could not leave the country to film the show in Costa Rica, but NBC still wants him to be part of it. On Thursday, he filmed a promo in which he was suspended by wires and pretending to fly while a fan blew his famous hair wildly.

## ROD TV?

Blagojevich also met the full-time cast members who will travel to Costa Rica, including "The Hills" stars Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt, as well as model and reality star Janice Dickinson, former "American Idol" competitor Sanjaya Malakar, actor Stephen Baldwin, former NBA star John Salley and wrestler Torrie Wilson. Three more cast members and the host will be named next week, NBC said. The show debuts June 1.



Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich (far right) poses with Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt.



### Clarkson in the heartland

Kelly Clarkson is coming to Springfield. She'll perform at the Illinois State Fair in August, the State Journal-Register of Springfield reports. Clarkson will be paid \$175,000 for her appearance, according to a notice posted by the state Department of Agriculture. The state fair runs Aug. 14-23.

### It's complicated

Are LiLo and SamRo on speaking terms? Lindsay Lohan was spotted near former gal pal Samantha Ronson's Hollywood Hills home on Thursday, according to reports citing paparazzi photos. Ronson also reportedly changed her relationship status on Facebook to "It's complicated" Thursday. Drama!

### Bad Bass

Ed Westwick (right) swears he's not like his TV alter ego, "Gossip Girl" bad boy Chuck Bass. Bass tells Interview magazine he's "just not that scandalous," but he does have tattoos—six, in fact. As for the latest he's ever returned home from a night out in New York, where the show is filmed? "Probably like three days later," he said, laughing.

### Beyoncé in the hot seat

Jay-Z apparently has a fan in Larry King. The TV host shared this Thursday night (saying Jay-Z is "a terrific performer") when Beyoncé appeared on his show to promote her latest movie, "Obsessed." King asked Beyoncé about Rihanna (Beyoncé said the younger singer is "doing a lot better.") and Michelle Obama ("She's so chic."), among other subjects.

### A whole new Boyle

Who are you calling frumpy? Susan Boyle, the "Britain's Got Talent" sensation who had said she wasn't looking into getting a makeover, showed off a chic new look Friday, complete with a new hairdo—tamed and dyed brown—stylish leather jacket and a trendy scarf, according to photos from The Associated Press (above).



### THE DIGIT

**17** Number of years since Jay Leno last missed a taping of the "Tonight Show," according to Reuters. The talk show host checked into a hospital on Thursday for an undisclosed illness.